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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

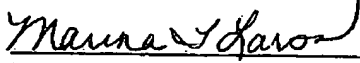
Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 28, 2005 for the above-captioned application.

Applicants request an extension of time sufficient to make this paper timely and enclose the fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due to deposit account no. 15-0610.

A Notice of Appeal is being filed concurrently, since the action was made final. Applicants submit, however, the claims as pending are in form for allowance.

I hereby certify that this paper and any attachments named herein are transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Fax number: 571-273-8300 on October 28, 2005.


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